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CIA Admits Training Local Police

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NEW YORK — The Central Intelligence Agency has acknowledged training policemen from about a dozen city and county police forces in the United States in the handling of explosives, the detection of wiretaps and the organization of intelligence files.

The District of Columbia, Montgomery County, Md. and Fairfax County, Va. are among the jurisdictions involved, according to reliable sources.

The admission was made by John M. Maury, CIA legislative counsel, in a letter to Rep. Edward Koch, D-N.Y.

Koch said the training activities violate a law which forbids CIA involvement in domestic affairs, and should be investigated by Congress.

He called the matter to the attention of Rep. Chet Holifield, chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, and Sen. Sam J. Ervin,

chairman of the Senate subcommittee on constitutional rights.

On Dec. 23, Koch asked Richard Helms, the recently retired CIA director, about the agency's domestic activities after an article in The New York Times disclosed that 14 New York policemen had been trained in the handling of political intelligence files in September.

Responding to Koch's inquiry, the CIA's legislative counsel wrote Jan. 29 that fewer than 50 policemen, from a total of about a dozen city and county police forces, have received some kind of agency briefing in the past two years.

The counsel said the training sessions "have covered a variety of subjects such as the procedures for the processing, analyzing, filing of information, security devices and procedures, and metal and explosives detection techniques."

In a statement prepared for insertion in today's Congress-

sional Record, based on the letter and an earlier telephone conversation, Koch described the training as involving "the handling of explosives and foreign weapons, as well as audio control measure techniques."

The congressman said Maury had explained that "audio control measure techniques" involved the detection of wiretaps and buys "in which foreign interests are involved."

Maury said the CIA "briefings have been provided at no cost to the recipients. Since they have been accomplished merely by making available, insofar as their other duties permit, qualified agency experts and instructors, the cost to the agency is minimal."

In his request to Holifield for an investigation by the House Government Operations Committee, Koch said that "since the CIA is barred by statute from participating in law enforcement activities in the United States, I consider their

disregard of the law most serious."

Maury, however, in his letter to Koch, said "We (the CIA) do not consider that the activities in question violate the letter or the spirit" of the law. The National Security Act of 1947, which authorizes the establishment of the CIA provides that "The agency shall have no police, subpoena, law-enforcement or internal-security functions."

Koch, in his statement for the Congressional Record, said the CIA provided him with the names of some of the jurisdictions whose policemen had been trained but asked him "to keep the specific locations confidential because the agency pledged this confidentiality to those police departments."

Montgomery, Fairfax

Though the New York congressman said the request for secrecy "makes it even more incumbent that the CIA be prohibited from any training of this nature," he did not dis-

close the locations in his statement. Koch, however, did make them available to the House and Senate committees that he asked to investigate the training activities.

An independent and reliable source has told the Times that in addition the 14 policemen from New York, the CIA has acknowledged training police officials in Boston, Washington, D.C., Montgomery County, Md., and Fairfax County, Va. It could not be determined where other jurisdictions involved are located.

Holifield, in response to an inquiry about whether his committee would act on Koch's request for an investigation, said the question about what matters would be examined this year had not yet been resolved by the subcommittee chairmen and members. Ervin could not be reached for comment tonight.

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